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PREFACE

The following manuscript records of the "Tenmile Settlements" in Washington County, Pennsylvania, left to our use by the Reverend Thaddeus Dod, and of the first session of the Upper and Lower Tenmile congregations, are transcribed and released in this form through the kindness of Mr. John A. Dodd, 317 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

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Baptismal and Marriage Record kept by the Reverend Thaddeus Dod, 1777-1785. These notes, in the hand of the Reverend Thaddeus Dod, are presented in the order in which they appear in the small calf-bound notebook. Page 1

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(B) Letter by the Reverend Jacob Lindley.

Lindley was a student in Thaddeus Dod's "Latin and Mathematical School" in 1782. After completing his education at Princeton, he accepted a charge in Ohio. He was a founder and the first principal of Ohio University. Page 19

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Note: Thaddeus Dod's "Latin and Mathematical School," opened in 1781, was the earliest antecedent of Washington and Jefferson College. When the school was continued as Washington Academy under the Charter of 1787, Dod became its first principal.

C. M. Ewing, Director

MARRIAGE AND BAPTISIAL RECORD
of
Reverend Thaddeus Dod

July 1782 Baptized

Stephen Saunders (adult) and all his Children

Elihu Saunders, and his Wife and all their Children

Hannah Linkon adult

Thomas Axtell adult and his Children

1783 Baptized

Jany 1 Sab.

Rebekah McFarland)

Children of Wm McFarland

James McFarland)

2d Sabbath

Sarah Phillips (dau. of Sarah Phillips - Widow (supposed of
(Lewis Phillips who was missing after the
(engagement near Sandusky)

Baptized

Hannah Wife of William McFarland

1785

Sarah McFarland dau. of William

Jany 13th

Paul Brown)

Washington County

Mary Mills)

June 4th

Samuel Meek)
 Washington Co.
Jemima Bardel)

June 11 five

James Johnson)
 Do
Martha Kelly)
Daniel Leet

Aug. 15, 1781

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Jabez Baldwin	
William Leonard	& Mary his Wife
William Hays	& Anna his Wife
David Dille	& Elizbh his Wife
Jacob Cooke	& Phebe his W.

Daniel Axtel

& Ruth his W.

Joseph Coe

& Abigail his W.

John Eddy

& Mary his Daughter

Daniel Dod

& Charity his Wife

Abner Brown

Paul Brown

Sarah McFarland

James Milligan

We have proceeded to choose three more Elders out of this Little Body When Mr. Jacob Cook, Mr. Joseph Coe and Mr. Daniel Axtel were chosen to that office.

After this we set several times when we should have the Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered but could not compass our design on acct of the incursions of the Savages.

Wednesday Apr. 30, 1783

The Session Met at Mr. Lindsly's Fort.

Present Thads Dod V.D.M.

Messrs. Demas Lindsly)	
Jacob Cooke)	
Jos. Coe)	Elders
Danl Axtel)	

Session opened with Prayers -- and the following persons appeared and were desirous to join with this Church in communion, and after Examination relative to their religious Experiences &c they were admitted.

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John Carmichael Senr.

Stephen Saunders

Moses Williams

John Lindsly

Zinas Lindsly

Benjm McVaugh

Daniel Lindsly

Joseph Lindsly

Jacob Kade

Isaac McVaugh

Price Dille

Susanna Minton w. of Jos.

Mary McVaugh wi. old Mr. McV.

Sarah Kade Dr. of John

Eunice Baldwin dr. of John

Mary Carmichael

Hannah Lindsly w. of Joseph

Sarah McVaugh w. of Benj.

Nancy Lindsly w. of Zinas

Martha Williams w. of Moses

Sarah Baldwin

Rebekah Royne w. of Benjm.

Session adjourned to Meet tomorrow at Mr. Danl Axtell's and May 1st

Met accordingly --

P.P.S. - procceded in the same manner when the following persons after examination were received --

Stephen Cook

Caleb Dille

Hannah Linkon (widow)

Joanna Goble w. of Ebenr.

Rhoda Carmichael w. of John Junr.

John Carmichael Jr.

Moses Cooper

John Miller

Merebah Miller w. of John

Sarah Cooke w. of Stephen

Thomas Axtell

Elihu Saunders

Ephraim Bates

Susanna Bates w. of Ephm.

Phebe Whiting w. of John

Catharine Saunders w. of Elihu

Concluded with Prayer.

Lords Day May 4th. The Session again Met in time of Intermission
and the following persons were recd

Joseph Beedel

& Beedel his Wife

Ebenr. Goble

Do May 11

Amos Leonard

Again

William McFarland

Daniel McFarland Senr.

Mary Axtell w. of Thos.

Sarah Phillips a Cert. from Mr. Johns.

Elkanah Holloway)
 and His Wife) known to be members in good standing
 in N. Jersey.

May

1784

Rachel Kimble wife of John

Daniel Beedel

Abraham Lindsly

Phinehas Case

Joseph Minton

Anna Dille

Ebenr. Brown

Sarah Dod Born at Newark Sab. March 20, 1774

Cephas Dod at Mendham Aug. 18th 1776

An Account of persons Baptized beginning from the next Sabbath after
 my Ordination.

Mendham Sabth Oct. 19th 1777

Abel Thompson Son of David

Ann Clark dau. Henry

At Patersons Creck Virginia

Nov. 11 Samuel Johnson of Abraham

Nov. 12th

Margaret Blackburn

Sarah Blackburn

Andrew Fairly Collins

Jane Fairly

16th at South Branch

Thomas Long

Hannah Lawson

Margaret Lawson

Elizabeth Read

Jane Read

Nancy Ann Klass

Dec. 7 at Fort Pleasants

Abraham Hawk)

Henry

Susanna Hawk)

Rachel Rennock of John

Isaac Cade)

Major Cade

Mary Cade)

Sarah Ashby William

Nimrod Timmons Ann Father absent

Moses Snider)

Rudolphus

Elizabeth Snider)

William Henry Beaty George

Joseph Nimrod Van Meter (grandson of Henry not born in lawful wedlock)

Decr 25th 1777 at New Creek

on ye North Branch of Potomac

Charles Saver Miller Son of Michael

Silas Wilson)

Sons of William

Richard Wilson)

Mary Johnson dau. of John

Mary Links dr. of Jacob

Sarah Paugh dr. of John

Nicholas Paugh son of Joanna

Rebekah (a black) presented by Elizabeth Dawson

Mary Rush dau. of Lewis

Elizabeth Dawson Edward

Susanna Miller Susanna

Jan. 27 1778 (Patersons Creek)

Job Wright Son of Deborah

March 14th

Alexander Blackburn

Thomas Warton Son of Robert

John Crushblau Son of William

April 23d

Mary Cather

of Thomas

Thomas Cather

May 10th

Alexander McClannachan)

Son and Dau. of James

Mary McClannachan)

Daniel Sapp Son of George

Sarah Totten

William Totten

James Totten

Eleanor Totten

..... Ezekiel

Hannah Totten

Samuel Craycraft

..... Samuel

William Craycraft

James Earnet Son of Edward

Mercy Dewit (dau. of Rachel father decd.

John Clark Son of Stephen

Jacob Neal

..... of Jacob

William Neal

Nicholas Pray Henry

Sarah Johnson

..... daughters of William Johnson

Margaret Dawson

Catharine Decker dau. of John

Sophia Johnson dau. of Okey

July 12 in Monongahelia County

Ezra Cary Son of Luther

John Son of John Earsom

Mary Eve Dau. of Conrad Glaze

Nicholas and Elizbth of Geo. Andros

Mary Dau. of Simon Taylor

Henry Johnson Son of William

Daniel Dod Son of Lebbeus

Isaac Heasel Son of Henry

Abraham Hallaback S. of Thomas

Ruhannah McBride dau. of John

Jan. 24

Sarah Clark dau. of Stephen

Jan. 12 Peter Dew Son of Samuel

Jacob Links Son of Jacob

Feb. 21 Ann Critchlaw dau. of William

March. John Hallaback Son of Thos.

Apr. Abraham Simson - of Stephen

Rhoda Wright Deborah

18th in Mononga.

Thomas Hunter Son of Thomas

Calvin Cary Son of Luther

25 Johnthan Dod Son of Daniel

John Serjeant S. of Thomas

Elizabeth Phillips Lewis

Simon Carle Edward

Martha

& Cracraft - Charles

Ann

Michael

& Winlowe - Abraham

Henry

Novr. 7 Cephas Dod Son of Thaddeus & Phebe

Moses Cooper Son of Moses

June 18 Leonard Caleb Junr.

Daniel Freeman Dod S. of Daniel

Persons Married by Me.

December 10th 1777

John Canady & Elizbth Contryman

both of Washington County in
Maryland married in Virginia

John Stagg & Mary Brown

both of Hampshire County in Virginia

January 27 1778

Thomas Douthet & Eleanor Cooper

both of Hampshire

and

Peter Lee and Rebekah Taylor

March 3, 1778

Roger Donnagan & Ann Dolan

March 4

John Martin & Susanna Sworden

March 9th John Rupeau & Jane Reave

11th William Jackson & Margaret Bearfall

Apr. Taverner Ross & Aphia Ward

John Pritchard & Rhoda Ward

Apr. 24th

John Galze & Elizabeth Heinsman

Mr. Samuel Kite & Sophia Champ

May 30 Edward McCarthy & Elizabeth Miller

June 30 Francis Pierpoint and Mary Countriman

July 12 Charles McLane & Phebe Cary (Widow)

Sept. 9th John Bogairt and Mary Johnson

John Hins and Hannah Bryant (widow)

Jan. 1779

John Nelson and Rachel Richardson (widow)

Jan. 2d.

John Millar and Ruth Devore

John Broome & Susanna Williamson

Feb. 17

Daniel Sullivan and Lucy Lovelace

Feb. 24

George Hart and Anna Quirk

Nicholas Saver &

March.

Jonathan Chenworth & Chloe Atchison

John Knap & Drusilla Dawson

David Allen & Ivy Fox

Apr. 1

William Buffington Esq. and Mary Smith (widow).

June

Peter Baver & Caty Conrad

Samuel Thompson & Mary Keating

July 6th

Peter Atherton & Isabel Martin (widow)

Aug.

John Rannals & Sarah Royse

Samuel Ferguson and Elizbeth Anderson

Monongahelia County

July 27 1779

Jeremiah Arundale)
Martha Vinlard) of Ohio Co.

Oct. 20 William McFarland

Hannah Kelscy

Novr. Thomas Rannals

Eliza. Craft

Feb. 3, 1780 Joseph Beane

Phebe Rude

March 7

Henry Dickerson

Nancy Cullum

March 15

Abrm. Hathaway

Sarah Goble

June 22

Richard Sergiant

June Atkinson

July 9th

Caleb Leonard

Mary Riggs (Widow)

Feb. 6th 1780

Caleb Dille

Married Rebecca Martin

Feb. 7 1780

Isaac McVeagh

Mary Rude

SESSIONAL RECORDS (1781-1783) OF THE UPPER AND
LOWER TENMILE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thaddeus Dod (then a licenciate of the Presbytery of New York) came to Western Pennsylvania and spent some two or three months principally on the waters of Tenmile in the southern part of Washington and parts of Green County (This was in the summer of 1776 or in 1777 probably the latter). He then resolved to make this the scene of his future labours; returned to his place of residence in Mendham N. Jersey and was ordained by the Presbytery of N. York on the 15th of October A.D. 1777 and on the next week set out with his family westward -- On his way however he received such information of the state of things in his intended (intended) location; (many of the inhabitants having fled on account of the depredations of the Indians) that he stopped at Patterson's Creek in Virginia. There appears from his memorandums to have been no organized congregations in that part of the country, and his time was occupied in preaching in private houses in that vicinity and in the neighbouring parts of Maryland untill the month of September 1779 when he came with his family to Tenmile.

There was no church organized till Aug. 15th, 1782 nearly two years after his arrival.

The first house of worship was built in 1784 or 1785 on the site now occupied by Lower Tenmile. In the upper part There was none untill the summer of 1792 when a house was erected on the site now occupied by Upper Tenmile, previous to which time meetings were held in private houses or barns or in the woods, the pastor dividing his time equally between the two.

August 15th 1781.

This day being appointed and public notice being given of the same, Met at Mr. Jacob Cookes, and after prayer to Almighty God, all persons who were regular members of any particular Church agreeable to the Presbyterian order and discipline, and who were desirous of Joining in Church Communion, were desired to give in their names, and vouchers for their regular Membership.

The following persons, some by written testimonials, others by the certain knowledge of a majority of the rest, appeared to be regular Members

Thaddeus Dod Adult and Phebe his Wife
Demas Lindly (Elder) and Joanna his Wife
Jabez Baldwin

William Leonard & Mary his Wife
William Hays & Anna his Wife
David Dille & Elizabeth his Wife
Jacob Cooke & Phebe his Wife
Daniel Axtell & Ruth his Wife
Joseph Coe & Abigail his Wife
John Eddy & Mary his Daughter
Daniel Dod & Charity his Wife (died Oct 11th 1821)
Abner Brown
Paul Brown

Sarah McFarland (died Jany 26th 1810)
James Millikin (died July 30th 1821)

We then proceeded to choose three more Elders out of this little Body when Mrs. Jacob Cooke, Joseph Coe, and Daniel Axtell were chosen to that office.

After this we set several times when we should have the Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered, but could not compass our design, on account of the incursions of the Savages.

Wednesday April 30th 1783

The Session met at Mr. Lindly's Port - Present

Thaddeus Dod (V.D.M.)
Demas Lindly)
Jacob Cooke)..... Elders
Joseph Coe)
Daniel Axtell)

Session Opened with Prayer - and the following persons appeared and were desirous to join with this Church in communion and after examination relative to their religious experiences &c they were admitted Viz

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Nancy Lindly w. of Zenas

Martha Williams W. of Moses

Sarah Baldwin

Rebecca Royce W. of Benjm

Jacob Rude

Isaac McVaugh

Price Dille

Susanna Minton wife of Joseph

Mary McVaugh W. of Old M.H.V.

Sarah Rude W. of John

Eunice Baldwin W. of Jabez

Mary Carmichael

Session adjourned, to meet to Morrow at Daniel Axtell's.

May 1st 1783

Met accordingly P.P.S.

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Stephen Cooke
Caleb Dille
Hannah Linkon widow
Joanna Goble Wife of Ebenizer
Rhoda Carmichael W. of John Jr.
John Carmichael Jr.
Moses Cooper
John Miller
Meribah Miller W. of John
Sarah Cooke W. of Stephen
Thomas Axtell
Elihu Saunders
Ephraim Bates
Susanna Bates W. of Eph.
Phebe Whiting W. of John
Catharine Saunders W. of Elihu

Concluded with prayer

Lord's Day May 4th 1783

The Session again met in time of intermission and the following persons were received

Joseph Beedel &
Beedel his wife
Ebenzer Goble

May 11th Met in time of intermission

Amos Leonard was received

May 18th Met in intermission and received

William McFarland
Daniel McFarland Senr.
Mary Axtell wife of Thomas
Sarah Philips on Certificate from Mr. Johnes N.J.
Elkanah Holloway (known to be members in good standing in N.J.)
and Wife
Rachel Thimble W. of John
Daniel Beedel
Abraham Lindly
Phinehas Case
Joseph Minton
Anna Dille
Ebenezer Brown

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Revd. T. Dod was called to rest from his labours. He had been long affected with pulmonary disease which was advancing to a fatal termination, but tho' weak laboured incessantly in preaching in the bounds of his charge thro the winter of 1792-3. Having been appointed by Pby at their fall meeting to supply at Cross Creek on the Sabbath of April he tho feeble fulfilled the appointment and remained a day or two to assist in some business relating to the Church in that place. It was his last sermon. In returning home on horseback he was overtaken by a violent storm of wind hail and rain; arrived at home, but was never able to go out again. He departed this life on the twentieth day May A.D. 1793.

Appendix A

Transfer of Membership from the Mendham (N.J.) Presbyterian Church to the Tenmile Congregation.

"This is to Certify that M. Jacob Hathaway & Lydia his Wife have been for a number of years past members of the Presbyterian Church in Mendham & have continued to this time members in good standing with us -- They being about to leave this part of the Country this is to commend them to the Christian communion & fellowship of the Lord's People wherever they may reside.

Mendham 8th October 1802

Amzi Armstrong (Modr. of Session)"

Appendix B

The Reverend Jacob Lindley Letter

Connellsville, Feb. 12th, 1854

Dear Sir;

As introductory to a compliance with your request to give you some biographical sketches of entrance of your father into the western country, and of what he did; permit me first (as introductory) to give you a very brief history of the preparations of the Lord for your fathers advent. In the year A.D. 1773, my father and Jacob Cook, each about forty years of age, each a large family, each an elder in the Presbyterian Church, children of the revival under the influence of Whitfield and the Tenants (never to be quenched) covenanted to remain in these western wilds, and make a settlement and with the blessing of God, a church. A goodly number of families, professing religion came with them, and made their location on Ten Mile creek, so called because it empties into the Monongahely river ten miles above Redstone old fort, now Brownsville. Lindley and Cook located lands on this creek six miles apart. As a refuge for Lindley and Cook, settlements, a strong fort and blockhouse was erected on Lindley's land. To this garison, for the space of eight or ten years, all the families of that section of country were brought for protection against the Indians during the summer season. While a sufficient number of men were left for defence in the fort, the balance of men competent to labour, went out armed in strong working parties to clear land and raise provisions for their families. Late in the fall the families returned to their several plantations; and in the spring moved again into the fort. This was the practice for eight or ten years. In the fall of 1777 Revd. Thadius Dod came to

my father's fort, having left his family in an older settlement behind him. I have a distinct recollection of my baptism by him in the fort. The solemnities of the occasion rivited this impression. It was certainly sanctified to my lasting benefit. From that day to the present I have never heard the names of the Father, the Son or the Holy Ghost named without feeling a sacred awe with reverence for the divine majesty. The fact I remember. Nearly all the settlement, and Mr. Dod were from Morris County, New Jersey, and the meeting was that of old friends. As Mr. Dod, like all the rest, was a missionary adventurer to the neighborhood of the Indians, the lands of social indearment soon became indisoluble. Young as I was my sympathies were inlisted. I listened, but did not talk. As all were in the fort together, no summons was necessary to call them. The question was sprung, how can we support Mr. Dod and family as our preacher? There was no such thing as money in circulation to purchase a single foreign commodity, not even salt, iron, knife or fork, or a comb for the head. Flax was raised, and packed over the mountains on horses, at the peril of life, to purchase such like commodities. The first decision was unanimous, "We can, and will support one family, if they can consent to live as we do." As from the beginning there had been in the garison a good millright, namely Joseph Begle, a good grist mill had been erected on my father's land within rifle shot of the walls of the fort, which secured the workmen. And besides this, my father's plantation was better cleared up than any other farm in the settlement, by those who could not get out of fort to work on their own lands. He said he would furnish Mr. Dod with all the grain and flower (flour) which his family might need. Mr. Cook said he would agree to

furnish all the pork and beef. Others gave their pledges for other articles of living until the pledges had covered all the wants of a family they could think of. The women made their propositions and pledges to spin, weave, &c, &c. I name these facts to shew (show) the manner of doing business in early days in this country, before a boat had descended the Ohio river, or a freighted wagon had crossed the Allegheny (Allegheny) Mountains.

Mr. Dod went and came. I do not recollect his particular movements until the year 1779, for the fall of that year Mr. Dod had brought his family within the bounds of Cook's settlement ten miles east of Lindley's fort, and was preaching to these two settlements alternately.

In 1780, or 81, he removed into my father's settlement, three miles north of the fort. My intimate knowledge of the family commenced in 1781. In the year 1781 a log house was erected some forty steps from Mr. Dod's dwelling house, for an academy, as a classical school house alone. It was much larger than any dwelling house in the settlement. It was furnished with sometimes three, at other four beds for students, in attendance, to sleep in. I have no recollection by whom these beds were furnished, although I often slept in them. The erection of such a building at that early period will appear more necessary when stated, that in the summer of 1781, while pent up in the fort, and while as yet no church had been organized, protracted meetings for prayer, preaching, conversation, and exhortation was kept up by Mr. Dod and their praying elders from N. Jersey. About fifty persons were comforted in believing. Some of these were converts, amongst whom was my brother Daniel, wished

an education for the gospel ministry. Hence the necessity of the school house named above. During this revival my mind was much exercised on the value of my soul and obtained something, which I have never lost. From the want of wise instruction I did not suppose it to be an everlasting union to Jesus Christ. Years afterward when I had united with the church, I then learned from my friends that they had considered me pious from that revival, quoting my conduct, & sayings at that time, of which I had no recollection. I state this for two reasons. 1st, to blame the administration of any church government, which does not take the utmost pains to instruct and encourage little children, by throwing around the mothers arms, (the church) and clashing them in the warm bosom of a mother's affections. I ought to have been encouraged and received into the communion of the church when seven years of age. When an infant first gives of life, where can it be placed better than its mother's bosom? The 2nd reason of the statement is to explain the conduct of my father in placing me, while so young, in the school of the prophets.

In the spring of 1782 I was sent to Mr. Dod's latin school to live in the family of Mr. Dod to do his little errands, do his milking, etc. and to study latin with the scholars then at his school. I know it was in 1782 because it was the same year of Col. Crawford's defeat by the Indian on the bloody plains of Sandusky. And also the same year in which Richeson was executed upon the gallows, on the hill east of the town, Washington, as the students of Mr. Dod accompanied me to witness that awful scene. What makes the period still more memorable is that on the same day

before we returned, about a half mile from our road, the Indians murdered such of the family of Timothy Bean, as were not at the execution of Richeson, with the exception of his son, John, who after being knocked down with the tomahawk crept away in the weeds while the Indians were catching the afrighted horses in the field. John's skull was broken but his recovery was sound. Great was the consternation of the settlement on that day. I think it was in the same year, but it might have been in 1783, while Mr. Dod was preaching in the house of my uncle Caleb Lindley, a messenger announced that the Indians had that morning murdered a family of the name of Heath, on the head waters of Wheeling. The congregation was instantly dismissed. Some dozen young men, among whom were Francis Dunlavy, and I think John Brice, started of Mr. Dod, upon the run to the fort, which was three quarters of a mile off for such to get their guns as had not brought them with them to church, and then pushed with all speed in pursuit of the Indians. They did not however overtake the Indians, but returned and buried the dead, five in number, and came back to the fort. Such were our sabbath annoyances, and perils, while we worshiped God and experienced his kind protection. The communion of the Lord's Supper was delayed time after time in consequence of these annoyances. Ten Mile Church was organized July 1781. The first communion of the Lord's Supper of that church was administered in the barn of Daniel Axtel 1783. Rev. McMillan assisted Mr. Dod. The impressions of that occasion will be lasting as eternity upon my mind. The deepest and most excruciating thought of all was the possibility that I might be separated, at the judgment, forever from the happy company of them same holding communion with a loving saviour. I was then living with Mr. Dod, and his students were there.

My memory is not so perfectly clear on the subject as to justify me in saying positively that all, and each one of the following named students were at Mr. Dod's school when I entered it in the spring 1782. Although I have no recollection of their dropping in one after another. The following students have generally been grouped together in my mind, namely James Hughs, John Brice, Robert Marshal, Francis Dunlavy, David Smith, Daniel Lindley, studying Latin, and Daniel McFarland, Joseph Eddy, studying mathematics particularly the art of surveying. In 1783 Benjamin Stokely, and I think Thos. McGowdey came to study surveying in this year Col. James Marshal, an elder in Mr. Smith's church at Buffalo brought his son Robert to Mr. Dod's school. Robert and I recited morning lessons together in the latin grammar, although I was much ahead of him in the language.

The mathematical students left when judged competent surveyors. My brother lost his health so as never to regain it, and died early in life. In 1783 Messrs. Hughs, Brice, Marshal, & Smith were reciting Greek Grammar and reading the Greek testament. Hughs & Marshal, I think, were reading also Lucians Dialogues. I ought to have said above that John Hannah came in 1783 (might have been in 1784) and commenced the study of latin. Hannah was a larger man, I think the oldest in the school, was unused to manual labour but not to study, of ardent piety, his feeling on the subject uncommonly tender, his tears flowed most readily. By the strong influence of Mr. Dod he was licensed to preach without much of a classical education; the ardour of his piety and his correctness in experimental theology over the ground on which Mr. Dod carried him through his presbyterial trials to his licensure to preach. His preaching was remarkably impressive and successful during the short space of his itinirary, which I think, was but a few month, and died. You wished to know what became of William

Marshal, I expect he was licensed by the Redstone presbytery. I know nothing, however, of his preaching in this country -- he went directly to Kentucky -- became a popular and influential preacher, and was a distinguished member of the Synod of Kentucky. In 1802 when the difficulties took place in that Synod with McNeman, Thompson, John Dunlavy. Marshal's ardour & zeal caused him, for a season, to favour the Newlights, as they were called, but soon returned with John Thompson, while John Dunlavy & Macknamer joined the Shakers. In December 1802 during my first itinerary in the lower part of the state of Ohio, we were together at two protracted meetings. He was an effective preacher.

If you wish anything more on any deffinite point, let me know, and if in the treasure of my memory, you shal have it. I have great confidence in memory of old times, and love to think them over & over.

I am, dear brother, truly yours in love and interest.

Jacob Lindley

Rev. Cephas Dod, Dr.

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